

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JOE BALYEAT, on January 19, 2009 at 10 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 6, 1/14/2009

Executive Action: SJ6, SB 127, SB 75, SB 145, SB 89

HEARING ON SJ 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:28 **SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN (D), SD 17**, opened the hearing on **SJ 6**, Urge 24-hour operation for Turner port of entry.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:58 Rep. Wendy Warburton, HD 34, Havre

00:06:54 Clinton Cain, Bozeman

00:12:06 Jay Meyer, General Manager, Cypress Hills Regional
Economic Development Association, Saskatchewan

EXHIBIT (bus12a01)

00:16:57 Allen Van Voast, Turner

00:20:28 Jay Anderson, Turner

EXHIBIT (bus12a02)

00:22:08 Sharon Dickey, Mayor of Shaunavon, Saskatchewan

00:23:09 Brian Fox, Turner businessman

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:23:44 Greg Ames, Administrator, Agricultural Sciences
Division, Bozeman University

EXHIBIT (bus12a03)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:22 Chairman Balyeat

00:25:46 Sen. Hanson

00:26:47 Chairman Balyeat

00:26:52 Jay Meyer

00:27:52 Chairman Balyeat

00:28:12 Sen. Hansen

00:28:48 Sen. Tropila

00:29:12 Sen. Hansen

00:29:21 Sen. Steinbeisser

00:29:32 Sen. Hansen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:50 Sen. Hansen

00:31:12 Chairman Balyeat
00:31:57 Pat Murdo
00:32:10 Chairman Balyeat
00:32:17 Sen. Keane

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 6

00:32:41 **Motion/Vote:** Sen Keane moved **SJ 6 DO PASS.** Motion was unanimous by voice vote, 9-0. Proxies were not voted.

00:34:04 Recess
00:44:44 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 127

00:45:14 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved **SB 127 DO PASS.**

00:45:27 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved **TO AMEND SB 127.**
EXHIBIT(bus12a04)

Discussion:

00:46:28 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division
00:48:46 Chairman Balyeat
00:50:34 Sen. Tropila
00:50:39 Pat Murdo

Note: Sens. Windy Boy, Barkus and Peterson are out of the room

00:51:01 **Vote:** Amendment carried by voice vote, 8-0. There were no proxies voted.

00:51:15 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved **SB 127 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:52:20 Pat Murdo
00:53:16 Sen. Windy Boy entered the room.
00:53:56 **Vote:** Motion on **SB 127 AS AMENDED** carried by voice vote, 11-0. Sen. Peterson and Sen. Barkus voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 75

00:54:52 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved **SB 75 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:55:15 Sen. Brown
00:56:21 Sen. Keane
00:57:37 Sen. Jackson
00:58:12 Sen. Keane
00:58:58 Sen. Steinbeisser
00:59:18 Chairman Balyeat
00:59:25 Sen. Keane
01:00:03 Chairman Balyeat
01:02:47 Sen. Brown
01:03:30 Sen. Jackson

01:04:04 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brown made a substitute motion that **SB 75 BE TABLED. Motion carried** 7-4 by roll call vote. Sen. Keane, Sen. Squires, Sen. Tropila, and Sen. Jackson voted no. Sen. Peterson voted by proxy.

01:05:56 Chairman Balyeat

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 137

01:06:11 **Motion:** Sen. Windy Boy moved **SB 137 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:06:36 Ms. Murdo, Legislative Services
01:06:47 Chairman Balyeat
01:07:04 Sen. Tropila
01:07:35 Chairman Balyeat
01:07:39 Sen. Tropila
01:08:15 Sen. Brown

01:08:46 Sen. Windy Boy withdrew his motion on SB 137.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 138

01:09:49 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved **SB 138 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:10:13 Sen. Jackson
01:10:53 Chairman Balyeat

01:10:58 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:12:22 Chairman Balyeat
01:13:06 Sen. Squires
01:13:14 Chairman Balyeat
01:13:52 Pat Murdo
01:14:29 Chairman Balyeat
01:15:19 Sen. Jackson
01:15:27 Sen. Windy Boy
01:15:40 Chairman Balyeat
01:15:48 Sen. Jackson
01:16:25 Ms. Murdo
01:17:39 Chairman Balyeat
01:18:52 Sen. Squires
01:19:59 Sen. Keane

01:21:22 Sen. Barkus arrived

01:21:38 Sen. Squires
01:21:52 Sen. Keane
01:22:38 Chairman Balyeat
01:25:14 Sen. Brown
01:25:40 Chairman Balyeat

01:26:01 Sen. Keane withdrew his motion on SB 138.

01:26:39 Chairman Balyeat
01:28:21 Sen. Barkus
01:28:32 Chairman Balyeat

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 145

01:28:45 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved **SB 145 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:29:17 Chairman Balyeat
01:29:38 Sen. Brown
01:30:12 Sen. Tropila
01:30:41 Sen. Keane
01:30:59 Chairman Balyeat

01:31:13 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Barkus made a substitute motion to **Table SB 145.** Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote, with Sen. Keane, Sen. Squires, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Tropila, and Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Peterson and Sen. Steinbeisser voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 89

01:33:05 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Windy Boy moved **SB 89 DO PASS.**
Motion carried 10-1 by roll call vote. Sen. Balyeat
voted no. Sen. Peterson and Sen. Steinbeisser voted by
proxy.

01:35:16 Chairman Balyeat

01:35:21 Sen. Squires

01:35:51 Chairman Balyeat

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:38 A.M.

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus12aad.pdf](#))